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The Phenomenal Political

Fortunes of Kentucky's Youth-

ful Chief Magistrate.

The Cincinnati Enquirer

recently contained a well-

illustrated article, illustrated

with photographs of Gov. J.

C. W. Beckham from the age

of four years until the present

time. The writer seemed

impressed with the proverbial

"Beckham luck," and had the

following to say concerning it:

"The good people of Nelson

county have always be-

lieved in 'Beckham luck.'"

Down in this county of the

"Penyrille" there is a farm

whose rolling acres are as fer-

tile as any of the Blue grass

land. Time after time this

fruitful acreage has been on

the point of passing from the

possession of the Beckhams,

but some unexpected develop-

ment—the death of a dis-

tinct heir, the recovery of

judgment—has kept the title

clear.

"The most prominent

beneficiary of this Beckham

luck is John Crepps Wickliffe

Beckham, Democratic Gov-

ernor of Kentucky."

"When Crepps Beckham

was a page in the Legislature

twenty years ago his father

was representative from Nelson

county."

"Fourteen years later John

Beckham returned to the Leg-

islature, as the member from

Nelson county. It was at the

conclusion of this session that

he was confronted with the

awful prospect of death from

consumption, but after a stay

in Mexico and great force of

will power, he was able to

overcome the disease. In

1890, when the famous Black-

burn-Hunter contest was

waged, the Democratic calcu-

lations were upset by the

death of Isaac Wilson, the

Democratic member from

Nelson county. The Legisla-

ture was dissolved. It was

absolutely necessary that a

Democrat should be creeps

in Wilson's place. Crepps

Beckham was the one to win,

which he did by 800 majority.

"In order to vote for Black-

burn in the next meeting of

the joint assembly, Beckham

seized his certificate, and

jumping into his buggy, start-

ed for Frankfort, a 65-mile

drive, which he made at night

with two changes of horses.

At the close of the term Beck-

ham was re-elected, and when

the Legislature met he was

elected Speaker on the first

ballot.

"After this session, when it

had been determined that

Goebel was to run for Gov-

ernor, it was requested that

Beckham become a candidate

with him for Lieutenant-Gov-

ernor. After the election and

Goebel's death, Beckham be-

came Governor, and at the

expiration of the term was

re-elected, and has grown in

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